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SMEAR BOOK PROVED FRAUDULENT

Millions Deceived By Winchell - Birkhead - Carlson Lies

WHEN THE BOOK "Under Cover"—aptly called the "Smearer's Bible," first began to be circulated, its victims could only denounce it as a COMPILATION OF FALSEHOODS. Time was needed to bring the Author, his backers and the Publishers into court.

Several libel suits have been filed and others are in process of preparation. Some have reached the trial stage and others are pending.

One such suit was brought in federal court at Chicago, by George Washington Robnett, executive secretary of the Church League of America. Testimony introduced during the hearings, exposed to public gaze a substantial part of the organized underground plot to Sovietize the American republic.

Enemies who hate the Church of Jesus and our democratic institutions, know they must destroy Christian leadership in America, if they are to accomplish their sinister purposes. The motivation of the "Under Cover" conspiracy was shown, during the course of the Robnett-Carlson court case, to be definitely communistic.

The Author, who calls himself John Roy Carlson, and the E. P. Dutton publishing company, were found guilty . . . and THE BOOK WAS PRONOUNCED A FRAUD BY THE TRIAL JUDGE.

Here are the exact words of federal Judge John P. Barnes, uttered in open court after the verdict had been returned by the jury:

"I think this book was written by a wholly irresponsible person who would write anything for a dollar. I think the book was published by a publisher who would do anything for a dollar. I don't believe any investigation of this author was made by the publishers, to the extent they say there was, because they cared for the dollar more than they did for the almighty truth.

"I wouldn't believe this author if he was under oath, and I think he and the publisher are as guilty as any one who ever was found guilty in this court before."

To this castigation, the well-known Jurist added the following demolishing statement:

"This book charges the plaintiff was disloyal, anti-Semitic, and a Nazi agent. During the entire course of the trial, I never heard any evidence to sustain any of these charges."

Under cross-examination, the Author admitted that he was a liar . . . that he worked for the notorious L. M. Birkhead, director of the so-called Friends of Democracy, at $50.00 a week . . . that he wrote entrapment letters . . . that he is an alien by birth . . . that his real name is Avedis Derounian . . . that he travels under a number of aliases including John Roy Carlson, Donald Brady, George Alexander, Thomas Decker, Henry Renard, John Correa, Rudolph Elbert, George Page, George Paganelli . . . and investigators know that still other fake names can be added to this list.

When writing articles for outright Communist publications, like "Soviet Russia Today," he uses his real name Derounian.

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MR. ROBNETT'S ATTORNEY, Harry Ditchburne, offered for the court record, a deposition of Elliott Macrae, president of Duttons, stating that the company investigated Carlson before publishing the book by consulting Russell Davenport and Rex Stout.

This proved a damaging admission because Davenport is known to be a close friend of L. M. Birkhead's . . . while Stout is an official of the so-called Friends of Democracy and writes much of the smear material sent out from their New York headquarters against Christians and patriots.

Rex Stout has been for years a leader in the red movement of the United States. He was, as far back as 1926, an editor of the "Communist New Masses," published in New York City.

Records of the Dutton company, introduced before the jury, showed that 686,934 copies of "Under Cover" had been sold up to July of this year. The total income from these sales, received by Duttons, was $1,151,114.00 as of April 30, 1944. The sum realized by the firm since then—during the last two years, was not disclosed.

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SEDITION CASE HELPED SAVE AMERICA

THE LATTER PART of the eighteenth century found the Federalist party in control of the United States government. Adams was President. Intoxicated with power, the group at the top resolved to perpetuate themselves in office. Thomas Jefferson headed the opposition.

In 1798 the Federalists enacted their infamous Sedition Law to persecute opponents. They accused their victims of favoring France. A group of writers, speakers and editors — all supporters of Jefferson, were sent to prison.

The law provided punishment for persons who engaged in "false, scandalous, and malicious writings against the government, either house of congress, or the President . . ." In other words they tried to make the administration in power, and the United States government, appear synonomous.

Juries were packed with Federalist sympathizers. Judges, obligated to the same clique, were so blinded by partisanship that they violated rules of evidence and forbade juries to consider the truth of the defendants' writings as a defense. Federalist appointees presided over the prisons to which the writers were consigned, with the result that life was made unbearable for them.

The American people revolted against this outrage at the election that followed. The Federalist party was destroyed and never elected another candidate. Jefferson succeeded Adams to the Presidency, released the victims from prison, remitted their fines with interest, and otherwise compensated them for their suffering. The Sedition Law was repealed.

> "For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges."
> —Deuteronomy 32:31.

NOTHING MORE of this kind was attempted until the New Deal era, when in 1942, Franklin Roosevelt caused a group of his critics to be transported hundreds of miles from their homes to stand trial at Washington in a hostile atmosphere. There was, however, this difference:

The Federalists, though intolerant and fanatical, were not disloyal to their country . . . whereas the New Deal persecutors followed the line of the international Communist party. Documentary evidence shows that Moscow's representatives had information regarding the contents of the indictment, before the document was officially returned by the grand jury.

Communist newspapers, magazines and fellow travelers directed the smear campaign that preceded the trial, for the purpose of convicting the defendants in the public mind. The most up-to-date methods of psychological warfare and character assassination were employed.

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The trial did not start until April 1944. It ended in December the same year with the death of the judge. The prosecution tried to make it appear seditious to oppose Communism. It is significant that only the most radical, left-wing publications and fellow travelers are, at this time, supporting O. John Rogge, the chief prosecutor, who was summarily dismissed from government service last month.

Two years have passed since the judge died. No attempt has been made to revive the case. Yet the charges continue to be held over the heads of the defendants. It is known that false witnesses and faked evidence were used in some instances to indict victims.

The Roosevelt party was at the zenith of its strength when it launched this persecution. Since then it has gone steadily downward.

Prior to that time, many people were skeptical about its integrity, but not until the Sedition Case, did public confidence begin definitely to curdle. A wave of resentment immediately swept the Nation and signs of deterioration began to be noticed in the Washington bureaucracy.

When the story of this era is written and the New Deal is finally weighed in the balances, posterity will conclude that the Sedition Case, more than any other one thing, was responsible for saving the Republic in the historic landslide of November 7, 1946. IT CAUSED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND VOTE THEIR ENEMIES OUT OF OFFICE.

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THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

THE SIXTH CHAPTER of the book of Revelation was written for the times in which we live. The four horsemen and their steeds, portrayed in this passage, represent four great world principles. The horses are globe trotters, predicted to operate on a world-wide scale.

John was an old man, residing on the isle of Patmos, at the time he saw the vision. He had been banished to this desolate spot in the Aegean Sea because of his loyalty to Christ and the Gospel.

The message was penned A. D. 95 to 97. Iraeneus said: "It was given not long ago, almost in our own generation, at the close of Domitian's reign."

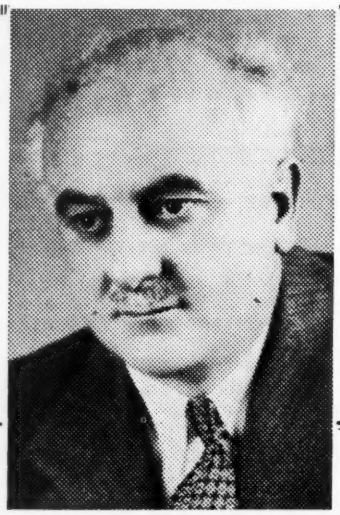
Our word Revelation comes from the Greek "apocalypsis" and means "unveiling." The title suggests that far from being a sealed mystery, the book is to be studied and its contents mastered. This negates the idea that it is abstruse and beyond the range of human comprehension.

Special advantages are promised persons who devote time and effort to the book. We read in Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep these things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

The Revelation, considered as a whole, treats of the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth in answer to the Lord's prayer. Most of the book is concerned with hardening judgments destined to break upon the world during the end time, just before the inauguration of the kingdom.

The final climax of horror is described in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew as the "great tribulation." The nations are rapidly sweeping into that period.

While the symbolic message of the four horsemen is identified with the closing scenes of the age, there is nothing to suggest that the steeds are confined to the tribulation period. Some teachers have even gone so far as to say that the white horse and rider can not go forth until after the saints are translated.



The article beginning on this page is an abridgment of a chapter in Dr. Winrod's new book now on the press, entitled, "COMMUNISM IN PROPHECY, HISTORY AND AMERICA."

The first horse to rise on the horizon and gallop across John's vision was white. "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

The second horse was red. "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

The third horse was black. "And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

The fourth horse was pale (ashy green, the color of death). "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto him over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

The terrors of tribulation that follow the appearance of these horses and their riders suggests the use of atomic energy for destructive purposes: "There was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood . . . And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

Christ's faithful followers are scheduled to endure great persecution during the time the horses are galloping to and fro in the earth, because martyred saints of that period are quoted as crying: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

THE WHITE HORSE

ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATIONS of prophetical passages sometimes creep into the writings of well meaning Bible students. Such errors, if repeated by others who fail to exercise originality of thought, frequently do great harm. False statements repeated again and again may be accepted as truth.

This is noted in the parrot-like repetitions of certain writers who insist upon circulating the fiction that the white horse and rider represent the rise of Antichrist. Unwittingly, some such published statements border upon blasphemy.

One teacher, for instance, makes the following bald statement, in a book recently released from the press: "The rider upon the white horse is the Antichrist, the false messiah." Another writer, obviously repeating what he had heard someone else say without giving the matter serious thought, remarks: "Because of the white horse, here mentioned, some have thought that this rider with the bow refers to the going forth of Christ through the Gospel message. Such a view is entirely incorrect."

In contrast, Bible students concerned with the task of placing these four symbols in their proper prophetical settings, will do well to weigh what Dr. William R. Newell says on the subject. Turning

to page 102 of his treatise on the Apocalypse, we read:

"The white horse and rider are plainly connected with the holy hosts and armies that are in heaven. Heaven is no longer engaged in grace but in judgment. White Horse — this is holiness in exhibition and in warfare, for thus do white horses appear in Scripture. The rider has a bow, the weapon of long distance conflict.

"The Lord and the heavenly host are not yet coming (for the rider symbolizes not only Christ but the whole heavenly host now exhibited as antagonistic to earth). 'Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies,' is written in Psalm 45:5 of our Lord's coming.

"'And there was given unto him a crown' denotes the fact that the Lord and the powers of heaven are to take the Kingdom away from men, and rule for God. 'He came forth conquering, and to conquer.' Some have amazingly conceived this white horse to represent the Anti-Christ!

"Not only would this be ABSOLUTELY OUT OF TIME (for the career of the Antichrist constitutes a woe under the seventh trumpet of the seventh seal) but how impossible to conceive of the Antichrist as conquering and to conquer — that is, to get the FINAL victory. This is what the phrase, 'conquering and to conquer' means — to achieve final and decisive conquest.

"And only Christ will ever do that."

Let those who subscribe to the untenable view that the rider of the white horse is Antichrist, cite a single instance in Scripture where the color white symbolizes evil. On the contrary, Daniel specifically states that "in the latter times, when the transgressors are come to the full" a King of Fierce Countenance will stand up who understands "dark sentences." Black is the consistent color of Antichrist, not white.

It is a mistake to suppose that horses are always associated with evil in Scripture. Any such idea is refuted by the experience of Elisha's servant, concerning whom we read: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

The rider of the white horse is described as carrying "a bow." This is an instrument of warfare, but since no bloodshed connects with the rider, the effect must be moral rather than physical. Inspiration employs exactly the same imagery when explaining, in Habakkuk 3:8-9, the results that accompany conquests of salvation: "Thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation. Thy bow was made quite naked, even thy word."

The white horse must be carefully placed in its proper relation to the calendar of end time events, in order to accurately decipher the message of the other three. If one holds to the mistaken idea that the steeds are confined to the tribulation period, he will derive no benefit from the teaching as it applies to the hour in which we live.

THE RED HORSE

PRIOR TO THE RISE of the Communist movement in its modern form, commentators lacked the wealth of information now available for interpreting the meaning of the red horse symbol. They could only deal in general terms, as for instance, the terse remark of Dr. G. B. M. Clouser: "The red horse with his rider, who has power to take peace from the earth — these speak of war, such as will characterize this period."

Jamieson, Fausset and Brown merely assert that human blood will flow like a torrent when the red horse rides.

Dr. W. Lamb briefly states: "Fearful war will break out everywhere. In that terrible time there will be a world-wide reign of terror and bloodshed, and it is also then, that men will learn, to their cost, the terrible folly of ever imagining that peace is possible in a world that still rejects the Divine Christ."

Although recent writers on the Apocalypse are for most part content to rehash these earlier generalities, detailed interpretations are now possible because the red horse clearly anticipates the development of red Communism in its world-wide ramifications.

The inspired record says that the red horse and rider will "take peace from the earth" and cause men to "kill one another."

An abortive peace conference was held during 1946 in Paris. Representatives of many nations assembled and

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Most of the leaders brought trowels with them, figuratively speaking, in order to build constructively. But the Moscow delegates preferred monkey wrenches, which they threw at regular intervals into the peace machinery of the world. Molotov and Vishinsky, the two principal trouble makers, tried to stymie every effort. They were finally credited with sabotaging the conference.

"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth."

On the evening of October 13, 1946, Louis F. Budenz delivered a radio address at Detroit in which he charged that Soviet Russia was feverishly preparing for a third world war. The reds were pictured as preparing to strike England and the United States at an unguarded moment, with the purpose in view of establishing a "world proletariat dictatorship."

Mr. Budenz, a former member of the Communist Party and editor of the Daily Worker, declared that members of the American organization take orders from a mystery man "who is an agent of the Kremlin" in this part of the world.

He continued: "When Russia feels itself able, the third world war will begin. I learned, at first very reluctantly, that Soviet Russia intends to destroy Britain and the United States. There is a man, an agent of the Kremlin, who directs all Communist activities in the United States.

"This man never shows his face. Communist leaders never see him, but they follow his orders and suggestions implicitly. The average American Communist never heard of him."

The speaker volunteered to disclose the name of this agent of the Kremlin in the United States, preferably at a time and place when testimony could be given under oath. Thereupon, a New York newspaper published an interview, with one Ruth Fischer, who stated that Mr. Budenz was referring to her brother, Gerhard Eisler, alias Hans Berger.

Miss Fischer was floor leader of the Communists in the German reichstag prior to the rise of the Nazis. She was later expelled from the Communist Party for some unexplained reason. Apparently estranged from her brother, she described him as "head of the German Communists in the western hemisphere and one of the key figures in the American Communist Party."

Mr. Budenz admitted Eisler was the man, and stated that while serving as editor of the Daily Worker, he took orders secretly from him.

It later developed that Eisler, whose Jewish nationality is admitted, entered the United States by New Deal manipulation six years ago, on a transit visa requiring his immediate departure for Mexico. He has been permitted to remain here ever since. No move was made to leave until two days after the Budenz exposure. He was detained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation when caught trying to board a Russian ship for Berlin.

Soviet Russia will dare strike the United States only if assured that its representatives on our soil, namely the members of the Communist Party, are organized to promote mob violence and weaken us internally.

Red is the color of revolution. The red horse of the Apocalypse is galloping to and fro, dislocating the religious, moral, economic and political structure of the civilized world.

Brown Nazism sprang from the loins of the red beast of Bolshevism. Germany first turned to Communism and later produced Nazism. Both systems are totalitarian and therefore objectionable to Americans. The brown ideology is therefore basically red.

Black Fascism sprang from the loins of the red beast of Bolshevism. Italy first turned to Communism and later produced Fascism. Both systems are objectionable for the reason just stated. The black ideology is therefore basically red.

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THE BLACK HORSE

THE THIRD HORSE of the Apocalypse anticipates world-wide food rationing. Only in the light of developments during the last few years does this prophecy become understandable.

While earlier writers were at a disadvantage, yet they succeeded in deciphering the meaning of this phase of the prophecy with remarkable accuracy. Rev. M. Baxter, writing in the year 1866, stated: "The judgment of war having been specifically inflicted during the second seal, there now follows the judgment of famine under the third seal. The black color of the horse is connected with the idea of famine, for in the fourth and fifth chapters of Lamentations that hue is described as characterizing people while suffering from dearth of food."

The venerable Baxter continued: "The balances in the hand of this equestrian upon the black horse also betoken food to have become so scarce as to require it to be carefully sold by weight, instead of by measure or size and quantity, and this delivery of food by weight is specified in the fourth chapter of Ezekiel to be the marked accompaniment of a predicted famine: 'Thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day.' 'Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care.'

"The voice from the midst of the four living creatures still more distinctly proclaims this to be an unparalleled season of gaunt famine."

Baxter believed, and many modern Bible teachers concur, that the quantity of food mentioned in Revelation 6:5-6 is a one day's supply per person. He said: "This measure of wheat, which in the original Greek is called a 'choenix,' seems to have contained three or four cotylae, or modern half-pints; and, therefore, to have been equivalent to a pint and a half, or a quart in our day, although writers on classical antiquities have experienced some difficulty in defining its exact size.

"It is also generally considered upon the authority of classical writers, that the 'choenix,' or measure, as it is here termed, was the usual moderate day's allowance of food to a soldier or slave; though a larger allowance might, without much difficulty, be consumed by one person if he could obtain it."

Dr. Clouser discusses this section of the prophecy succinctly: "The black horse speaks of the dark shadows of famine cast — of the pathetic conditions that always follow in the wake of war. War, famine and pestilence. These

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things are always related and inseparable."

Rigid rationing of food in many countries during and since the second world war, shows how the fulfillment of this prophecy is possible. The passage speaks of a time when there will be universal scarcity of edibles.

War and revolution destroys economic equilibrium, clogs the wheels of agriculture and weakens transportation. But even more disconcerting is the fact that totalitarian systems use food control as a means for killing off large populations and subduing opposition.

The Bolsheviks were first to introduce the plan of requiring citizens to have food cards in order to live. One of their leaders is quoted as saying: "Food is a beautiful instrument for maneuvering and disciplining the masses."

Many believe that this was the real purpose behind the OPA, and other systems of control, shackled upon the American people by the administration of Franklin Roosevelt. Planned scarcity points the way to the era of the black horse. Famines, frequently produced by artificial methods, have taken a toll of human life numbering into the millions during the last three decades.

A member of the legislature in a certain middle State, tells of spending two weeks in the Russian Ukraine nine years ago. He lived on raw fish and sunflower seed most of the time, despite the fact that his pockets were bulging with rubles. Huge bins were filled with grain, but food could not be purchased. Soldiers armed with fixed bayonets patrolled areas that he visited. Starving people who crossed lines drawn in the vicinity of the storage centers were put to death.

The nations have of late become famine minded. Food consumption is discussed in terms of calories.

Former President Hoover returned in May 1946 from a trip around the world, serving in the capacity of "food ambassador," for President Truman. He made his report to the nation at a dinner in Chicago. Each guest was served a meal of six hundred calories consisting of the following foods: Thin soup containing three-fourths an ounce of fats, one ounce of potatoes, one ounce of beets, one and four-fifths ounces of meat, the same portion of bread and a substitute for coffee.

Mr. Hoover delivered a highly informative address on food conditions throughout the world. His remarks were punctuated by several striking statements, such as the following:

"Hunger hangs over the homes of more than 800 million people — over one-third of the people of the earth. Hunger is a silent visitor who comes like a shadow. He sits beside every anxious mother three times each day. He brings not alone suffering and sorrow, but fears and terror. He carries disorder and the paralysis of government, and even its downfall. He is more destructive than armies, not only in human life, but in morals. All of the values of right living melt before his invasions, and every gain of civilization crumbles.

"Of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the one named war has gone — at least for a while. But famine, pestilence, and death are still charging over the earth. And the modern world has added four more to this evil brigade. Their names are destruction, drouth, fear and revolution. This crisis is not alone due to war destruction of agriculture. On the top of that calamity has been piled drouth in the Mediterranean, drouth in India, drouth in China, and partial drouth in South Africa and the Argentine. Never have so many evil horsemen come all at the one time."

THE PALE HORSE

COMING TO THE FOURTH, or pale horse of the Apocalypse, and looking back upon the three previous steeds, one is impressed with the orderly sequence of events moving toward chaos.

The first horse anticipates righteous judgment, as suggested by arrows of truth aimed at the consciences and souls of men. The second depicts war, revolution and bloodshed. The third adds famine and starvation to the list. The fourth combines all the earlier horrors in such a way as to destroy one-fourth of the world's population and expand the borders of Hades to the earth plane.

The word pale in the passage means ashy or green, the color most frequently associated with death. The description of the rider causes one to think of a hideous, grinning skeleton.

The tempo of judgment increases in proportion as human beings continue yielding to the Antichrist and his system of international control. The color ascribed to this period is indicative of the worst stages of human corruption. Unveiled as the personification of death and pestilence, the rider is accompanied by a companion from the place of departed spirits. The gates of Hades are opened so that excarnate beings gain access to the realm where humans live.

Only once before has anything of this nature occurred on our planet, namely, during the antediluvian period. The judgment of the deluge was the result. Jesus said: "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

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ful event served to accelerate the already rapid progress of evil. A similar state of affairs will come to exist when Death and Hades gallop to and fro on the pale horse.

The cause of the corruption that developed in antediluvian times is explained by Genesis 6:4, "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Some have thought these words referred to intermarriage between the descendants of Seth and Cain, but a careful examination of the passage will elicit a far deeper meaning. The first and second verses of this chapter explain that "men began to multiply and daughters were born unto them." This is followed by a reference to a second group, called "sons of God," entirely different from the race as a whole, described as "men."

The "sons of God" are plainly distinguished from the progeny of Adam. The term occurs four times in other parts of the Old Testament and refers, in each instance, to excarnate beings. Peter tells us that these daring rebels who left their estate and came to earth levels are now imprisoned criminals in "chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

A literal rendering of II Peter 2:4 would be as follows: "For if God spared not angels when they had sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment . . . " Jude makes reference to these same disobedient creatures of damnation: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

Dr. H. G. Pember believes that Genesis 6:4 should read as follows: "The Nephilim, or fallen ones, were on the earth in those days, and also afterwards, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men."

He also says: "Through a misapprehension of the Septuagint, the English version renders 'Nephilim' by 'giants.' But the form of the Hebrew word indicates a verbal adjective or noun, of passive or neuter signification, from 'Napal,' to fall: hence it must mean 'the fallen ones,' that is, probably, the fallen angels.

"The meaning of 'giants,' in our sense of the term, is altogether secondary, and rose from the fact that these beings of mixed birth were said to have displayed a monstrous growth and strength of body."

The doom of the world was immediately pronounced after the commission of the antediluvian sin. Prophecy intimates, according to the twelfth and thirteenth chapter of Revelation, that future confinement of angels of darkness to the earth plane, will call forth the Lord Jesus Christ in flaming fire to take vengeance.

That Hades will be emptied, in part, during the final climax of horror, is indicated by the words: "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hades followed with him."

The rider of the red and blood stained horse will have previously mounted his vicious steed and swiftly gone forth with a great sword to take peace from the earth. The black horse, driven under the lash of famine, will have sped on his errand of destruction. And now, the twin destroyers, Death and Hades, on the pale horse, compel a guilty world to drink to its dregs the cup of wrath.

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ALTHOUGH THIS TREATISE is concerned solely with the symbolic meaning of the four horses of the Apocalypse, to pause here without introducing the fifth into the discussion would be the equivalent to an anticlimax.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God." Revelation 19:11-13.

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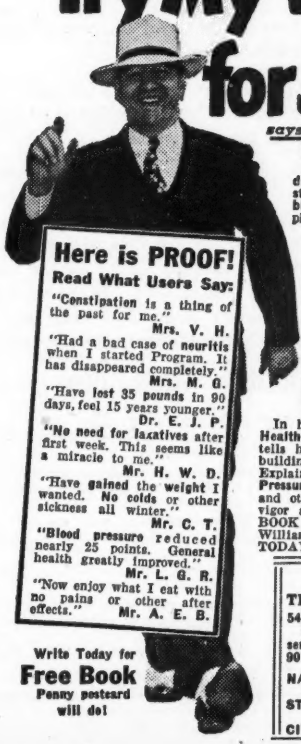

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NOW THERE WAS a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan,

Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? . . .

Put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon him put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

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THE FOREGOING SOLILOQUY, recorded in the first chapter of the book of Job, took place in the heavenlies. It refers to Satan's natural animosity toward the children of God.

This text presents an extraordinary and enlightening drama with heaven and earth as the theaters of action. Job represented as a wealthy and pious landholder, living under a patriarchal economy in the land of Uz, on the borders of Idumaea.

It is believed that his vast estate comprised the famously fertile and productive oasis of Jauf, described by Palgrave, a British explorer, as: "A broad, deep valley, studded with tufts of palm groves and clustering fruit trees in dark green patches." The dates and other fruits produced in Jauf are famed throughout Arabia.

Job is an historical character, a flesh and blood person. Ezekiel mentions him as one of the three great personages of representative righteousness. The other two are the patriarch Noah, and Daniel, a contemporary of Ezekiel. EXPERIENTIALLY, JOB IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAINTS OF GOD IN ALL AGES. His experiences, adversities, afflictions, and ultimate triumph of faith are antitypes for our encouragement and guidance.

Satan is the source of all evil. His sinister motives, cunning devices, and malevolent objectives are repeatedly mentioned in the Scriptures. He is recorded as speaking on only three occasions:

Once in the third chapter of Genesis;
Again in the book of Job;

And lastly in the Gospels which chronicle the lurid temptation of the Godman in the wilderness.

On these three occasions, with the voice of the devil heard, we have a revelation of his methods, devices, and objectives. In the Genesis record, he is heard slandering God. In our text, he slanders man to God. In the wilderness, he slanders both God and man, and tries to discredit the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we consider our text, let us deliberate upon five thoughts of primary importance:

1. Satan's career as chronicled in the Word of God.

2. God's pride and confidence in the superlative character of Job.

3. Warning and instruction regarding Satan's methods and devices.

4. Satan's objectives in attacking God's program on this earth.

5. Encouragement toward faith in God and His providential care.

SATAN'S CAREER

REVELATION regarding Satan takes us back to the dateless past, when this earth was dislocated by judgment and became waste and empty. Genesis 1:1-2, Isaiah 24:1 and Jeremiah 4:23-26.

One passage, Ezekiel 28:11-19 deals with Satan and his relation to this age. He is described under the term "King of Tyrus." Like the Messianic Psalms, wherein the Psalmist appears to be referring to himself, though statements are made that could allude only to the Son of God—so here, remarks addressed to the "King of Tyrus," make direct reference to Satan. No similar person, to whom this description could apply, is revealed in Scripture.

The fall of Lucifer is here recorded. He is portrayed as having been "full of

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wisdom" and "perfect in beauty." His crime is partly revealed in Ezekiel 28:16, followed by an exact description of the final judgment awaiting him — identical with that predicted in the book of Revelation. More details are given in Isaiah 14:12-20 where Satan is called "Lucifer, son of the morning."

Jesus witnessed the fall of Lucifer from the vantage point of eternity, for we read in Luke 10:18, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." The crime of this exalted creature is concisely stated in Isaiah 14:14, as being a purpose in his heart to become the god of the universe.

It would seem that Satan cherishes the expectation of actually accomplishing his objective until near the end of his career. Preceding his banishment to the pit, he exercises greater violence than ever before, as suggested by Revelation 12:12, "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The Scriptures further reveal that the enmity of Satan is not only toward God, but also against every true child of God. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this fact. Every living saint is watched and CONSIDERED BY SATAN.

Our common Adversary has no controversy or warfare with unregenerate people. They already belong to him. But there can be no question regarding his unceasing effort to mar the lives of believers.

The motive of this opposition is easy to understand. Children of God are "Partakers of the divine nature," according to II Peter 1:4. They afford, therefore a possible opportunity for Satan to thrust fiery darts at the divine Person. Thus, the believer becomes a medium between the Highest Heaven and the Satanic Order. The Enemy knows that by striking God's child, he is striking God!

There are several pertinent Scriptures on this subject, but none more to the point than our text — Job 1:1-12.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12. "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." I John 3:13.

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist stedfast in the faith." I Peter 5:8-9.

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:11-12.

The teaching of these related passages, clearly indicates Satanic enmity toward the believer, and the believer's utter helplessness apart from divine sufficiency. There is abundant reason for the child of God to expect the fiercest opposition in this life. Let these things be borne in mind as we consider our study of Job and his problems.

GOD'S PRIDE

OBSERVE the incomprehensible pride and confidence God expressed in Job: "None like him . . . perfect . . . an upright man . . . one that feareth God and escheweth evil." Aptly, Paul paraphrases this as God's view of us, clothed in the imputed righteousness of Calvary's Lamb. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1.

Yes, we are lamentably short of the glory of God. We feel profoundly our undoneness. We confess our unrighteousness, and un-Christlikeness, but as the Lord looked upon Job with pride and confidence, so our Heavenly Father looks upon us, in Christ.

Notice God's confidence as expressed in the text. When Satan insinuates that Job only serves the Lord for personal gains and alleges if these be withdrawn the patriarch will curse Him to his face, the allegation is denied and the challenge quickly accepted.

The Heavenly Father affirms implicit confidence in Job's character, integrity, faithfulness and devotion. Thank God for His unmerited, unwarranted, and divine pride and confidence in us, all because of Calvary.

This incomprehensible fact should challenge us to walk "as dear children." If, like Peter, we have denied our Lord and gone "a-fishing," or like Demas, have forsaken the Christ of Calvary by loving this present world — whatever our spiritual condition, surely the infinite pride and confidence of the Lord, should constrain and inspire us to consecrate anew to His blessed service.

God loves us. He has an investment in each of us and therefore expects dividends according to terms of service rendered. It is not a small thing to enjoy the confidence of the Almighty.

WARNING AND INSTRUCTION

THE TEXT is intended to warn and instruct us concerning the nature of our opposition It frequently seems as though Christians are regrettably ignorant of Satan's sinister schemes.

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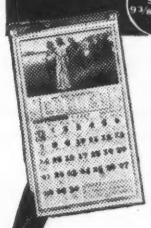

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early Churches, about Satanic methods. We read these words in II Corinthians 2:11, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

As we observe the current apostasy, sectarian strife, spiritual apathy, spirit of criticism, divisions within Churches, persecution of Christians — coupled with seeming unconcern for the unsaved, we can see how the Enemy of souls is working in the background.

Yes, Satan did CONSIDER Job, and is CONSIDERING every child of God. With insidious malevolence he took Job's measurement. He recorded his dispositional weaknesses, affections and worldly interests. He learned all about Job's family, friends, associations and habits. He shrewdly diagnosed and analyzed this information to discover the victim's most vulnerable point.

Our position is similar. Satan has malevolently considered each one of us. He knows our weaknesses and how to tempt us. Against that vulnerable point, he hurls the powers of perdition in repeated diabolical attacks. He is correct in appraising every Christian as a barrier to the progress of his evil kingdom.

If through adversities, afflictions and loss of possessions, Satan could have caused Job to lose faith in God's care and providence, he would have achieved a fiendish purpose. He would have frustrated God's plan, eliminated the source of divine pride and confidence, brought grief to the heart of God and eternal loss to Job.

We who pledge allegiance to the true Gospel, have an obligation to stand firm and reflect God's presence and power even in the face of adversity. A Christian defeat is God's defeat!

Satan sifted Peter, succeeded in causing Ananias and Sapphira to lie to the Holy Ghost and incited Judas to betray his Saviour for thirty pieces of silver. He ensnared Miriam with a spirit of murmuring criticism; Korah, Dathan and Abiram by spiritual pride; David by lust; Saul by jealousy; Esau by appetite and Samson by a Delilah. Yes, as stated in our text, Satan is "going to and fro in the earth."

Satan's warfare against the purpose of God is also evident in his direct hindering of the unsaved. Not only are the spiritually unregenerate blinded to the Gospel, but when the Holy Spirit would draw them, their minds are often filled with strange fears and distorted visions. Nothing but the illuminating power of the Spirit in conviction, can open their eyes and deliver them from gross darkness.

Satan has always adapted his methods to the times and conditions. It is noticeable in Church circles today, that the term "infidel" is less in use than a generation ago — obviously because, working as an "angel of light," the Adversary is able to clothe infidelity in theological vernacular and promote it as Modernism. He even speaks through some pulpits.

These enemies of God, like the unclean birds of the mustard tree, have taken shelter in the branches of the Church. Like the leaven in pure meal, they are penetrating and appropriating her most sacred altars and institutions.

Paul's prophecy to Timothy reads like it might have been written only yesterday. 'This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having A FORM OF GODLINESS, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Timothy 3:1-5.

The essential elements of salvation are omitted from this modern "form of godliness." All that Modernism has to offer is an empty form, a mere shell of Christianity. It eliminates the vital content of the Gospel message, as revealed in I Corinthians 1:23-24, "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

We read of "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" in Paul's message of warning. In Revelation 2:24 we read of "the depths of Satan" in contract with "the deep things of God" in I Corinthians 2:10.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." I John 4:1. As children of God, we should strive to recognize Satan's devices and, like Job, effectively resist them.

SATAN'S OBJECTIVES

SATAN HAS certain well defined objectives. As he CONSIDERED Job, he purposed to, if possible, alienate him from God and destroy his life. Should this fail, he would seek other ways for rendering him useless to God. Finally, if frustrated in these objectives, he would hinder and restrain the patient man from further spiritual progress.

Thus, by adversity, affliction and suggestion, Satan sought to drive Job to such utter discouragement and despair that the victim would "curse God and die." We have repeated instances in Scripture, where Satan has driven men to shame and ruin, always working through some vulnerable weakness.

King Saul yielded to jealousy, realized too late that he had "done foolishly and played the fool," and died a suicide on Mount Gilboa. Korah, Dathan and Abiram, exponents of the rule or ruin policy in the congregation, did not realize that it was Satan prompting them through spiritual pride and a spirit of criticism to invoke the wrath of God upon themselves.

When greedy Judas yielded to an inordinate desire for money, he may have been ignorant of Satan's fiendish objective — that of destroying a life and alienating a soul from God.

If Satan cannot accomplish the complete destruction of soul and body, he then concentrates upon rendering the object of his CONSIDERATION useless to the Lord. So he tempted Job to curse God, doubt God, and question God.

He used adversity, the death of loved ones, affliction, Job's wife, friends, and every possible vulnerable point in the patriarch's body, soul and spirit to make him of no future value. If Job would only curse God, doubt and question the

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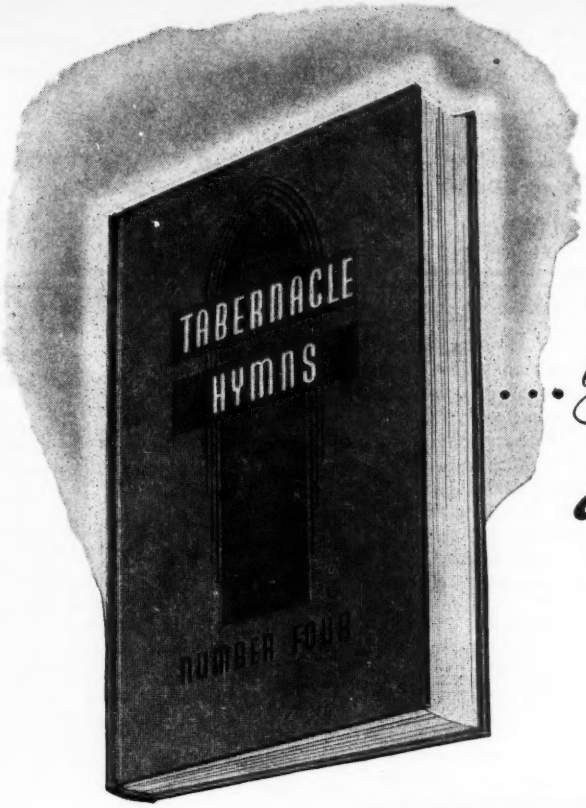

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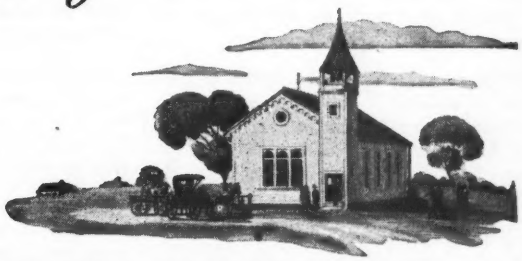

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fact of divine love and care, then his testimony could be nullified.

Alas! Satan has, all too frequently, been able to accomplish this very thing in the lives of God's children. By striking at a believer through what he has CONSIDERED a vulnerable point, inordinate appetite, unholy passion, dispositional weakness, pride, jealousy or secret sin, he has some times vitiated testimony and made a child of God useless.

Our fallen and depraved Foe has enticed many to ruin by putting apparently innocent indulgences, associations and pleasures in their paths. Spiritual tragedies have resulted from taking the first step in the wrong direction, in response to a siren song, sung by the Tempter of men.

Failing along these lines, Satan is capable of striking in other ways for the accomplishment of his objectives. He will hinder and restrain spiritual progress. Viewing the matter from his position, we can hear him say something like this: "Very well, if so-and-so must be a Christian, I prefer that he shall be a 'carnal Christian' instead of a 'victorious Christian'."

So he tempted Peter to get his eyes on someone else. "What shall this man do?" How many times some of us, active in the Church, have been tempted along the same line!

Jesus answered: "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." What if others do, or fail to do, "Be thou an example of the believer."

There is a life of victory through Christ; there is a baptism of the Holy Ghost and power for witnessing; there is a loving ministry of divine healing; there is a closer walk with Christ; there is an ever increasing field of effectual service; there is a richer life of prayer; there is much land yet to be possessed in our individual experience, and for Christ.

But . . . Why are we hindered? What restrains us? Satan, by every means at his disposal, is hindering and restraining God's children. Perhaps a clue to the answer is found in Zechariah 3:1-2, "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee."

The Adversary tries by every possible means to keep God's child from responding to a consecration invitation; to interfere with Bible study; to lose soul passion for winning others.

"Take all our failures, each mistake of our poor human ways . . . and Saviour, for Thine own dear sake, make them show forth Thy praise!"

ENCOURAGEMENT TO FAITH

THE TEXT also encourages us always to have faith in God. Satan can only tempt and afflict by our Heavenly Father's permission and according to His omniscient limitation. Satan is powerful, but God is all-powerful.

Paul had this comforting truth in mind when he wrote: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13.

During Job's trial, the God of all Grace was watching over him. During our trials, the God of all Grace is watching over us. And He watches with infinite love, pride and confidence. In due time, He turned Job's captivity, and blessed the latter part of his life more than in the beginning. Great is God's faithfulness!

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalms 34:19.

The importance of Positional Truth is also emphasized by the text. Job was anchored. He enjoyed a Position in God that Satan can never hope to occupy. This is even more true as to our Position, because of the sweeping triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ over Satan. The Adversary met his Master during the great and dramatic temptation in the wilderness. Satan is a defeated foe. Christ bruised his head FOR US.

The believer's Position is set forth in numerous Scriptural passages, like the following: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

"Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

Through Christ's vicarious atonement and by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we can successfully resist the Adversary, live lives of victory, serve our Lord effectually, and like Job, triumph over every foe! May Job's experiences, and the truths suggested by our text, inspire and instruct us to so live that we may receive His coveted commendation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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The Pilgrim Colony endured great hardships from the time they reached Cape Cod in the winter of 1620, until the following summer. Fleeing from one kind of persecution, they encountered another — the rigors of a New England winter.

Their little band was swept by the Grim Reaper. Governor Bradford's history says there were times when not more than six or seven persons, in the entire colony, could be considered as enjoying normal health. The Indians also constituted an ever present danger.

It was with a sigh of relief that the Pilgrims greeted the coming of spring. A spirit of hilarity swept over the colony. Governor Bradford decreed a special time of Thanksgiving. There were 53 white settlers and 91 Indians present.

Edward Winslow, a member of the group, later sent the following letter to a friend in England:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent foure men fowling, that so we might after a more speciall manner rejoyce together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours; the foure in one day killed as much fowle as with a little help beside, served the company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoyt, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deere, which they bestowed on our Governor, and upon Captine Standish and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plentie."

This description of the first Thanksgiving service was written in November 1621.

The custom soon spread to other groups. Governors adopted the plan of issuing annual proclamations, setting different dates in different colonies, to observe the festival. Thanksgiving days were observed after signal victories during the Revolutionary War. But for many years there was no uniform date.

Finally, in 1863, during Lincoln's administration, a plan was officially adopted for designating a specific day out of each year as Thanksgiving Day, when the entire Nation would observe the event.

Classic messages of spiritual depth have been penned by American Presidents in the form of annual Thanksgiving proclamations. Excerpts from some of these documents, reflecting the spirit and traditions that have made the United States a great and powerful Nation, are reproduced below.

GEORGE WASHINGTON . . . 1776

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and

Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ... 1863

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

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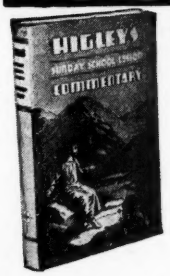

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with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

ANDREW JOHNSON ... 1868

In the year which is now drawing to its end the art, the skill, and the labor of the people of the United States have been employed with greater diligence and vigor and on broader fields than ever before, and the fruits of the earth have been gathered into the granary and the storehouse in marvelous abundance. Our highways have been lengthened, and new and prolific regions have been occupied.

I therefore recommend that Thursday, the 26th day of November next, be set apart and observed by all the people of the United States as a day for public praise, thanksgiving, and prayer to the Almighty Creator and Divine Ruler of the Universe, by whose ever-watchful, merciful, and gracious providence alone states and nations, no less than families and individual men, do live and move and have their being.

ULYSSES GRANT ... 1875

In accordance with a practice at once wise and beautiful, we have been accustomed, as the year is drawing to a close, to devote an occasion to the humble expression of our thanks to Almighty God for the ceaseless and distinguished benefits bestowed upon us as a nation and for His mercies and protection during the closing year.

Amid the rich and free enjoyment of all our advantages, we should not forget the source from whence they are derived and the extent of our obligation to the Father of All Mercies.

Now, therefore, I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do recommend that on Thursday, the 25th day of November, the people of the United States, in such form as may seem most appropriate in their own hearts, offer to Almighty God their acknowledgments and thanks for all His mercies and their humble prayers for a continuance of His divine favor.

GROVER CLEVELAND ... 1888

Constant thanksgiving and gratitude are due from the American people to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy, which have followed them since the day He made them a nation and vouchsafed to them a free government. With loving kindness He has constantly led us in the way of prosperity and greatness. He has not visited with swift punishment our shortcomings, but with gracious care He has warned us of our dependence upon His forbearance and has taught us that obedience to His holy law is the price of a continuance of His precious gifts.

In acknowledgment of all that God has done for us as a nation, and to the end that on an appointed day the united prayers and praise of a grateful country may reach the throne of grace, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November instant, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept and observed throughout the land.

BENJAMIN HARRISON ... 1889

A highly favored people, mindful of their dependence on the bounty of Divine Providence, should seek fitting occasion to testify gratitude and ascribe praise to Him who is the author of their many blessings. It behooves us, then, to look back with thankful hearts over the past year and bless God for His infinite mercy in vouchsafing to our land enduring peace, to our people freedom from pestilence and famine, to our husbandmen abundant harvests, and to them that labor a recompense of their toil.

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do earnestly recommend that Thursday, the 28th day of this present month of November, be set apart as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer.

WILLIAM McKINLEY ... 1897

In remembrance of God's goodness to us during the past year, which has been so abundant, "let us offer unto Him our thanksgiving and pay our vows unto the Most High."

It is our duty to praise the Lord in a spirit of humility and gratitude and to offer up to Him our most earnest supplications. That we may acknowledge our obligation as a people to Him who has so graciously granted us the blessings of free government and material prosperity, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, for national thanksgiving and prayer, which all of the people are invited to observe with appropriate religious services in their respective places of worship.

WILLIAM H. TAFT ... 1910

This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests which are the index of progress show vigorous national growth and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land and in our possessions beyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God.

Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this Government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving-kindness.

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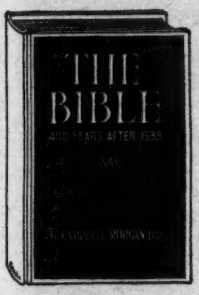

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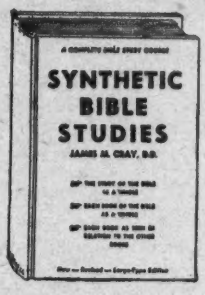

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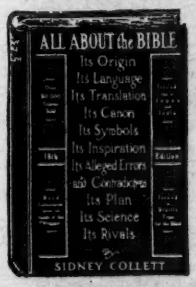

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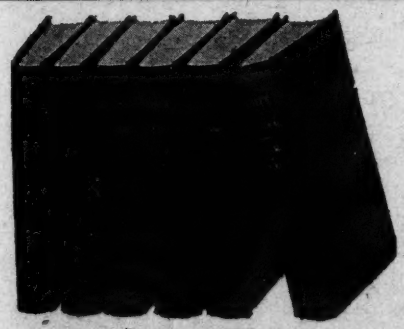

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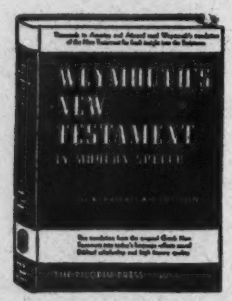

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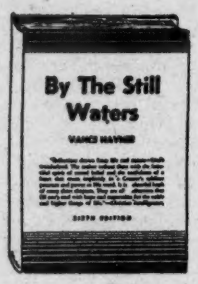

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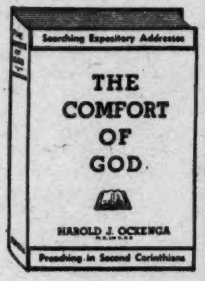

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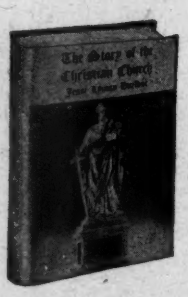

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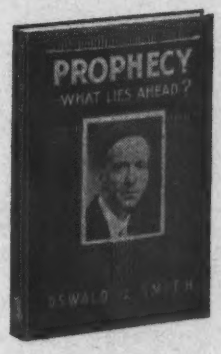

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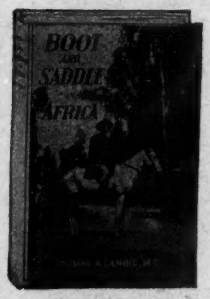

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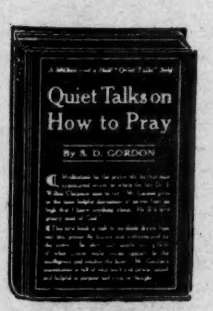

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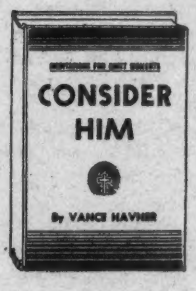

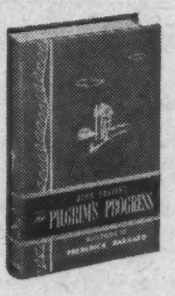

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After the jam-packed delegations shouted themselves hoarse adopting resolutions, there was no question in anybody's mind that the New Deal's goose is nearly through laying its fool's-gold eggs.

Here is a Condensation of the highlights among resolutions adopted:

1. The Baruch-Lilienthal-Acheson-Truman plan to give atomic secrets to all nations (meaning Russia) was condemned. The Legion demanded that we retain our secrets and continue to extend scientific research for national defense.

2. Flagrant abuse of UNRRA was condemned in a resolution calling for cautious giving — for giving "only where a genuine need is proved, and our generosity not abused."

3. Tito's shooting down of United States airmen was branded as premeditated murder.

4. J. Edgar Hoover was awarded the Legion's highest honor, the Medal of Honor, and an additional appropriation of $250,000 was voted to intensify the Legion's war on Communism.

5. When somebody proposed that the Legion demand a pension of $50 a month for every veteran past 50, and $65 for all past 60 — no matter how healthy or wealthy — he was booed. It was interesting to note that a crippled vet from World War I led the attack condemning the discriminatory and financially unsound proposal. "I am an American first; a veteran second," was the import of the rightist vote.

6. Indorsing the Byrnes-Vandenberg-Connelly foreign policy, the convention demanded "that our foreign policy be kept above the level of partisan politics and we condemn those who have used . . . the vehicle of foreign policy for any partisan political purpose." (Meaning, of course, Henry Wallace.)

7. Legislation was demanded to require unions and management to arbitrate their differences, and that all unions, including every member of every union, be held fully responsible, legally and financially, for all contracts to which they are a party.

8. Continuation of investigations into war frauds was urged, till the guilty are identified and brought to justice.

While Commander Stelle was upheld by the Legion in his months-old controversy with General Bradley, head of the Veterans' Administration, it was generally recognized that much of the trouble between the two stemmed from personal animosity. Bradley, for once, appeared to have lost his temper; he came before the convention fighting mad and violently attacked Stelle. He probably went overboard in accusing Stelle of deliberately failing to give the Vets Administration credit for its accomplishments.

Stelle was pretty mad, too, in his reply on the following day. What probably swung the tide for him was a speech by Harry W. Colmery (former National Commander) of Topeka, Kansas, who read the record from various publications showing that Stelle had in fact given considerable credit to the Veterans' Administration for certain jobs well done.

COMMUNIST PARTY TO BE PROSECUTED

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS of New Jersey, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has demanded that Attorney General Clark "crack down immediately on the Moscow-directed fifth column operating in the United States."

The demand was made in the form of a letter to the Department of Justice, a copy of which Mr. Thomas later made public through his Washington office.

"Why the Communist Party has been immune from prosecution by the federal government I cannot answer," declared the Congressman, "but I think it is high time that their license to carry on their activities in open defiance of the federal laws be revoked and that they be prosecuted to the full extent."

Attention was called to the recent espionage report of the royal commission of Canada, which said Communist spy rings in the Dominion were interlocked with subversive groups in the United States.

Mr. Thomas asserted that the report "reflects a very serious situation which the Canadian government has been vigorously dealing with through its recent espionage trials." He told the Attorney General that the time has come for similar SPY TRIALS in the United States.

"I assume that no one in authority is naive enough to view the Communist Party of the United States as the domestic political party it purports to be," continued the Congressman. "The evidence is overwhelming that it is a conspira-

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torial organization set up by a foreign government for the purpose of overthrowing the government of the United States.

"The evidence is equally clear that since its inception, it has been directed by that foreign government. As the agent of a foreign government, it is carrying on its activities in violation of the Voorhis Act, which requires that every organization subject to foreign control, that engages in political activity shall register with the Attorney General."

BULLITT VS. ELLIOTT

AS THE VICTORIOUS ALLIES quarrel like savages to make peace with each other in this united world, Elliott Roosevelt informs us that if his father had lived, all would be well. Former Ambassador Bullitt says that President Roosevelt's foreign policy was bankrupt before he died.

Whether Bullitt, in his position as Ambassador in Moscow and Paris during the seven years before the war, was in a better position to judge than Elliott in Texas, the impartial reader must judge for himself.

Somebody always has to be the goat when the winners lose a war. World War I was lost, we are told, because the United States Senate refused to ratify the League of Nations. Well, that alibi no longer exists.

Elliott blames God this time. The President, he implies, was cut down, like Moses, in sight of the Promised Land. I don't want to be sacrilegious in this matter, but I'm glad this time that the blame, just or unjust, can't be put on the American people. IN GOOD FAITH, THEY SENT A QUARTER MILLION OF THEIR SONS TO DIE FOR THE ATLANTIC CHARTER AND VARIOUS OTHER SLOGANS AND SHIBBOLETHS.

Napoleon said, "There is no drug that will make millions fight—no drug but words." That's the inescapable truth. The drug called "war" is more potent than "peace." And then, as young men gasp out their bloody froth in the world's hell-holes to make these words and slogans good, the diplomats trade off youth's courage in various secret deals.

— *Former Congressman Pettengill.*

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THE FOLLOWING United Press report was released November 1, 1946 over a London, England dateline:

"Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin of King George VI, told the British Institute of Radio Engineers last night that science was about to produce an 'electric brain' with SUPERMAN QUALITIES of memory and judgment.

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"Mountbatten, who formerly served as wireless specialist in the royal navy, said 18,000 radio tubes in the machine would activate each other like brain cells. He said the machine would receive information about the situation of gadgets under its control 'and will provide an intelligent link between that information and the action necessary to keep the machinery in general conformity with the over-all directions given to it by man.'"

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"And he had power to give LIFE UNTO THE IMAGE of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

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RED "PROTESTANT" PROPAGANDA

KENNETH LESLIE, notorious for his religious bigotry, is now peddling poison among teen-age children. His magazine, "The Protestant," which reflects little of Luther and plenty of Stalin, is now putting out a 64-page comic book called "The Challenger." Children reading it are asked to sign pledge cards voicing their opposition to "Fascism and bigotry," and their parents are invited to send in a dollar or two to help the cause.

The children are not asked to sign a pledge against Communism, it will be noted, nor are they told that this phony who seeks to promote a "junior legion" is listed in the records of the Congress of the United States for his Communist activities and connections.

Bigot Leslie was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as one of the sponsors of the Communist-front National Federation for Constitution Liberties, and his magazine described as one "which has faithfully followed the Communist Party line under the guise of being a religious journal."

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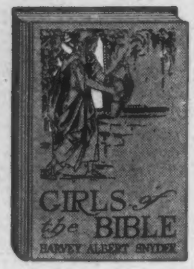

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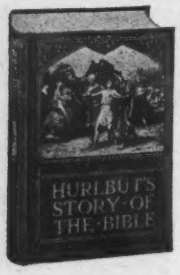

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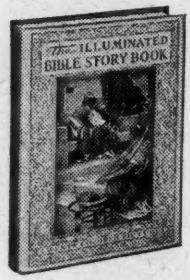

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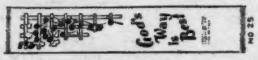

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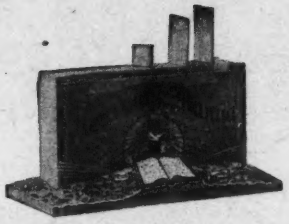

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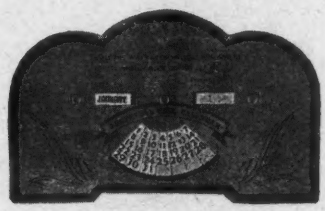

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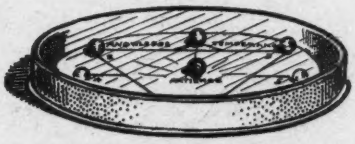

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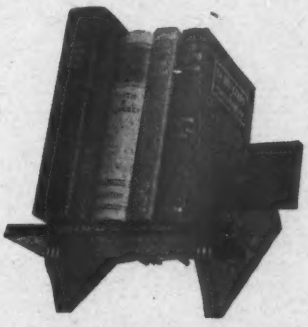

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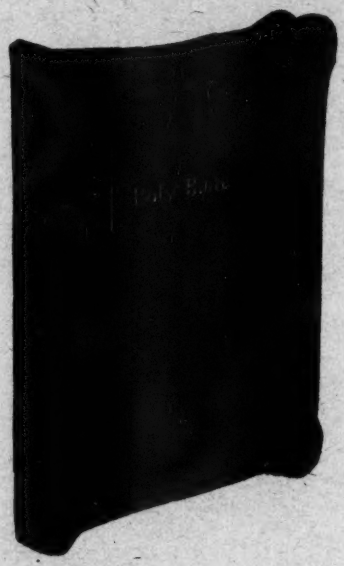

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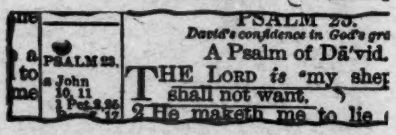

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There is no way of knowing how much of this amount accrued to Carlson-Derounian, but estimates place it somewhere between two and three hundred thousand dollars. He can well afford to pay many thousands of dollars in libel suits!

In his final summation to the jury, Attorney Ditchburne denounced him in the following well-chosen terms:

"Here is a man who says he is an Armenian. He says he was born in Greece, that his mother was born in Turkey and his father in Bulgaria. He tells you of his education. He had the advantage of our schools, our institutions, graduated from one of our universities — for what — to write the kind of filth I read to you in this trial.

"There are certain things Americans don't like and won't stand for. This kind of UNDERCOVER WORK could undermine our system of government. It is dangerous to leave a man like that loose in the country.

"By publication of this book, George Washington Robnett was held up to public ridicule and contempt. I am asking you for a verdict of a large and substantial sum, not wholly as a redress for the great wrong done Robnett, but also so that such an act will not happen again.

"It would be an insult to the public generally if you permitted this publisher to get away with a book like this without making him pay through the nose."

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ATTORNEYS FOR CARLSON and the Dutton company tried to create an impression in the minds of the jurors that the plaintiff was a Nazi for having discussed the Jewish question. They did this by quoting magazine articles by Mr. Robnett in which he used both the real, and assumed names of certain Jews.

He had referred to Sid Green, as "Greenfelt" . . . and to David K. Niles, who has lived in the White House since the early days of the Roosevelt Administration, as "Neyhus."

Judge Barnes terminated this line of attack upon Mr. Robnett with the abrupt statement: "If any man changes his name, it is natural human curiosity to know both his names, and that sort of man must carry the burden."

"If persons are Jews," continued the Jurist, "and are Communists, they will have to carry that burden and it will not benefit them or their religion to set up a taboo against mentioning that fact.

"In our efforts to refrain from persecution we must not establish meaningless taboos. WE MUST NOT ESTABLISH THE TABOO THAT UNDER NO CONDITION MUST WE MENTION A PERSON IS A JEW. That will not stop persecution."

The quotations from Mr. Robnett's alleged anti-Semitic writings were then ruled out as "incompetent and wholly immaterial."

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ALTHOUGH the jury returned a verdict favorable to Mr. Robnett, designed to clear his name, the Judge expressed disappointment that a large amount of money had not been awarded for damages sustained. He said:

"I think I may properly state if this case had been tried by this court without a jury, the court would have assessed damages in a very substantial sum."

Thereupon, the court characterized the book as "over 500 pages of twaddle, just twaddle, with a few outrageous and unfounded charges of which any citizen might properly complain."

Members of the jury later revealed what occurred behind closed doors when the case was turned over to them for a decision.

There were heated discussions. A total of six ballots were taken. Two members held out stubbornly in favor of Carlson and the Dutton firm — refusing to give an inch, despite the arguments and the unanimous opinion of the other ten.

Several of the jurors expressed themselves with vehemence when the trial was over. One woman of the group stated: "I thought Robnett was entitled to at least $50,000. The publishing company was unquestionably guilty of a gross libel."

Another lady said: "I'd have voted Robnett $100,000 if I could. I wanted this jury to return a verdict which would put an end forever to smear campaigns; to put an end to such a contagion as this book anywhere in America from now on."

The attitude of the two defiant jurors made necessary a compromise, whereby the falsity of the book was recognized and Mr. Robnett awarded the sum of $1.00 damages.

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JOHN ROGGE, ousted prosecutor of the 1941 Sedition Case, was relying upon Carlson-Derounian to be his star witness, had Judge Eicher lived and the trial continued.

Mr. Robnett has another suit pending against the Blue Network, Andrew Jergens Company and Walter Winchell for $1,000,000. This trial is scheduled to start January 13, 1947 in Chicago.

Winchell, it will be recalled, has used "Under Cover" for smearing many religious and political leaders opposed to Communism, the last few years. Newspapers, like the "Wichita Beacon," have published it serially. Libel suits are soon to be filed against several such publications over the United States.

Now that Mr. Robnett has proved civil libel in federal court, his attorneys are expected to present the same evidence before an Illinois grand jury in the near future and seek an indictment for CRIMINAL LIBEL. Should Carlson and Dutton officials be found guilty under those circumstances, the penalty would most likely carry a prison sentence.

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OMINOUS PITFALLS jeopardize the survival of the American Republic. Closing our eyes to the menace will not solve it. The truth must be faced, perversions of basic fundamentals eliminated, and safeguards for constitutional government revived and strengthened.

The first and greatest task of the new Congress will be to survey, reveal and remove these lurking and ever-growing pitfalls. Every member of the new Congress (whether Senator or Representative) possessing a spark of loyalty will constitute himself a sterling Sentinel, alert and unafraid, and give needed warnings, no matter what organized group or groups may resent such warnings.

A third of a century ago, Woodrow Wilson, in his book "The New Freedom" (1913), warned:

> "It is an intolerable thing that the government of the Republic should have got so far out of the hands of the people; should have been captured by interests which are special and not general.
>
> "We know that something intervenes between the people of the United States and the control of their affairs at Washington."

Yet such outrageous conditions have become greatly aggravated since then, until today our Republic is jeopardized by the most insidious and ominous pitfalls in history.

NEWSPAPERS

No one who relies entirely upon newspapers for enlightenment as to these pitfalls can perform his duty. Every member of Congress has had enough practical experience to be aware that our so-called free press is not as free as most persons believe. Jefferson made an observation back in 1807 which is just as true today:

Doctor Sullivan

> "I really look with commiseration over the great body of my fellow citizens who, reading newspapers, live and die in the belief that they have known something of what has been passing in the world of their time."

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

The label "Constitution" does not create a constitutional government. The term "constitutional" relates to basic fundamentals required in every sound governmental structure. It is the paramount obligation of government to see to it that individual liberty, fair-play, and supply-and-demand function under the natural order, and to protect each against interference or coercion, violent or non-violent.

When government installs any coercive system to direct the lives of the people, instead of protecting the individual's right to uncoerced direction of his own life in accord with the equal freedom of others, that government is guilty of the grossest treachery, and becomes a tyrant.

FREE MEN AND FREE NATIONS

Free men and free nations, in voluntary and uncoerced cooperation, are essential to Civilization. In all history no nation of free men has ever provoked a war. Empires of subjugated men cause wars, their people being coerced into submission, and sometimes into even voting approval.

The average person today is neither a thief nor a murderer. But who can truthfully say the same for the average nation? It is obviously not true, and the reason is that the average nation today is not a nation of free men, but a tyranny. There can be no society of civilized nations unless the society is free and extends recognition only to nations of free men. A world composed entirely of nations of free men would have no wars.

No one with a grain of sense would propose a banding together of such nations under a super-government. Even less sense is displayed by those who believe in a hybrid union of liberty and tyranny by a banding together, under a supra-government, of nations of free men and empires of subjugated men. It is difficult to understand how anyone, without either a mental or a moral vacuum, can be willing to advocate the setting up of any WORLD GOVERNMENT, since it obviously constitutes an outrageous departure from basic fundamentals, flaunting individual liberty and the natural order.

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No nation of free men could exist very long under such conditions. Necessary safeguards to protect its standard of living would be broken down, so that its attainments for Civilization could no longer be enjoyed by its people or be allowed to serve as models for adoption by other people. There would be a reversal of the natural order ordained by God.

BASIC FUNDAMENTALS

Departures from basic fundamentals have always been, and will always be, disastrous. Only the stupid or corrupt should be willing to so depart. There is nothing vague or obscure about basic fundamentals to warrant anyone claiming ignorance of them.

The simplest definition of basic fundamentals is contained in our historic Declaration of Independence:

> "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—that TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

No power is recognized in government or in the people collectively, by majority or minority vote, to impair or supplant God-given individual liberty or the inalienable rights appertaining thereto. Government is instituted "TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS," not to abridge or destroy them.

The above-quoted great and inspired classic was the very heart of our Declaration of Independence, and became also the keystone of the United States Constitution. It made basic fundamentals crystal clear, and deserves first place among human documents in history which are demonstrably inspired. A prominent place beside it ought also to be given Jefferson's response to a proposal that government direct the life of the individual for the general good:

> "An elective despotism is not the government for which the War of Independence was fought."

Jefferson added:

> "Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we should soon want bread."

A more recent, and very powerful, exposition of basic fundamentals, with striking realism, came from the pen of a great American of the South, Henry W. Grady, who lived between 1851 and 1889, a span of only 38 years. He was widely known as an exponent of friendly feelings toward the North, and became Editor of the "Atlanta Constitution." His great classic reads:

> "EXALT THE CITIZEN. As the State is the unit of government, he is the unit of the State. Make him self-respecting, self-reliant and responsible. Let him lean on the State for nothing his own right arm can do. Let him cultivate independence to the point of sacrifice, and learn that humble things with unbartered liberty are better than splendors bought with its price. Let him neither surrender his individuality to the government, nor merge it with the mob."

OUR CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution manifests a two-fold determination to protect individual liberty. First, by the very nature of the granted and limited governmental powers. Second, by the special guarantees embodied in the instrument. Moreover, every State was expressly guaranteed a republican form of government. The obvious purpose was to prevent such a departure from basic fundamentals as would result from a hybrid Union of liberty and something else.

The Founding Fathers were determined to make impossible such a grotesque possibility. Yet, notwithstanding the Constitution contains no provision for a union of our Republic with any foreign nation, or its incorporation into any global supra-government or world government—the last-named even more grotesque condition has recently been foisted upon the American people through a "United Nations" as the first stage in a movement for an enduring World Government, embracing empires of subjugated men as well as nations of free men.

ECONOMIC LIBERTY

Nothing could be more fatal to economic liberty than a World Government, since the former depends upon the natural order, whereas the latter's establishment requires a reversal of the natural order and constitutes a global bureaucracy.

The tree of individual liberty cannot live anywhere, when deprived of the soil of economic liberty. When economic liberty is removed, individual liberty dies, even though it be preserved in name for some time thereafter. Tyranny takes the place of freedom when economic liberty is shackled or destroyed by any bureaucracy, national or global. This has been demonstrated throughout history.

ILLEGAL MONOPOLIES

It is perfectly manifest that free private enterprise and free and independent labor are both essential to economic liberty. Monopolies of industry or labor, or both, are, therefore, foes of economic liberty, and constitute criminal conspiracies against the public. No government worthy of the name may justifiably sanction, protect, or coordinate such monopolies or conspiracies. Its plain duty is to dissolve them, and restore economic liberty.

STRIKES

The orgy of strikes now stalking through our land demonstrates this truth. Such monopolies do not provide collective bargaining, but rather

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collective coercion. In addition to destroying economic liberty, such monopolies promote class strife and hatred on a monster scale, and thereby make difficult the restoration of economic harmony and liberty, paving the way, instead, to chaos and loss of all individual liberty.

Strikes are blows at the liberty of all. FREEDOM FROM STRIKES is an essential freedom in a constitutional government, which ought to recognize the basic fundamentals of labor and capital declared by Lincoln:

"Labor was prior to capital, but property is the fruit of labor. Property is desirable, and is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise."

When any group, industry or labor, resorts to coercion of any sort, it is not engaging in legitimate collective bargaining. Such coercion is GANGSTERISM IN ACTION. The remedy is not governmental bureaucracy to harmonize or coordinate conflicting monopolies, but to dissolve all illegal monopolies, and thereby restore free private enterprise and free and independent labor.

COMMUNISM'S HAND IN STRIKES

Communism's hand in strikes has been exposed so often that the Communists themselves proclaimed it in the April, 1934 Manifesto of the 8th Convention of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., declaring:

"The revolutionary way out of the crisis begins with the fight for unemployment insurance, against wage-cuts, for wage-increases, for relief to the farmers — through demonstrations, strikes, general strikes, leading up to the seizure of power, to the destruction of capitalism by a revolutionary workers' government."

This was followed in August, 1935 by the proclamation at the Communist World Congress held in Moscow:

"Only the Communist Party is at bottom the initiator, the organizer and the driving force of the united front of the working class."

If an orgy of strikes is permitted to paralyze all existing social conditions, a long step will have been taken toward attaining the Communist aims, brazenly declared in the Communist Manifesto of 1848:

"The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by THE FORCIBLE OVERTHROW OF ALL EXISTING SOCIAL CONDITIONS."

Any governmental regime in our country which permits the Communist plot to get that far along will, in very truth, resemble the strange Kerensky regime in Russia, which represented the only Republic the Russian people ever had—from March to November 1917—and then gave way to the internationalist Bolshevik regime, OF NON-RUSSIAN ORIGIN, which has subjugated the Russian people ever since.

BOLSHEVISM NOT RUSSIAN

Let us not harbor the delusion that the Russian people are to blame for Bolshevism's outrages in Russia and elsewhere, nor despise them because they became the first large-scale victims of international Communism insidiously imposed under the name "Bolshevism" (meaning majority rule). We should unhesitatingly reject the declared views of the so-called great historian, Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, who wrote in 1928:

"The Russian problem derives its hugeness and its complexity from the very soil that gave it birth, inheriting these characteristics as legitimately and historically as the Russian peasant does his wise simplicity and his naive mysticism.

"I maintain that Bolshevism is a natural phase in the evolution of a strictly historical process originating in the soil, the culture, and the politics of Russia itself." ("THE FALL OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE" (1928), by Edmund A. Walsh).

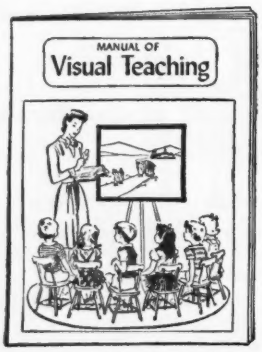
This so-called great historian conveniently overlooked the Manifesto of the Third Communist International, issued from Moscow in March 1919, then organized by Lenin, declaring the group to be "followers and fulfillers" of the Program of the Communist Manifesto of 1848. Dr. Walsh also disregarded Stalins' own definition, in April 1924, of the Soviet Program as "the Marxism of the epoch of imperialism and the proletarian revolution," and likewise the authentic report to the House of Commons by Winston Churchill on November 5, 1919:

"Certainly I dispute the title of the Bolsheviks to represent Russia. Indeed, I think they would be the first to repudiate any claim to represent Russia. Their views are far greater than the representation of a single country.

"The Bolsheviks robbed Russia at one stroke of two most precious things, peace and victory—the victory that was within her grasp and the peace which was her dearest desire.

"No sooner did Lenin arrive than he began beckoning a finger here and a finger there to obscure persons in sheltered retreats in New York, in Glasgow, in Berne, and other countries, and he gathered together the leadings spirits of a formidable sect, THE MOST FORMIDABLE SECT IN THE WORLD, of which he was the high priest and chief. With these spirits around him, he set to work with demoniacal ability to tear to pieces every institution on which the Russian state and nation depended."

Dr. Walsh failed to explain what pos-



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sible "culture" had been found by him in Bolshevism or in Communism which it has screened, or how any characteristics of Russian soil or people had evolved such a diabolical plot against humanity.

Before an unwarranted wave of hatred against the Russians, who are really victims of organized tyrants, carries us into a new World War, with a determination to establish a 50-year program of domination over the Russian people, in imitation of a like program under consideration as regards the German people, it may be well for us to learn the real truth about the Russian people.

Our own State Department is well aware of the real truth about the German people, to the contrary of propaganda generally carried in the press. State Department Publication No. 1864, printed in 1943, titled "National Socialism," gave the authenticated truth about the hypocrisy and coercion practiced by the Nazis upon the German people, brazenly proclaimed by Dr. Goebbels to Nazi Party members) on April 30, 1928 (p. 63 of said Publication).

An earlier State Department Publication, printed in 1931, No. 222, titled "Foreign Relations of the United States, 1918, Russia I," revealed the truth about the victimization of the Russian people by an international group of tyrants. Why should the American people be kept in ignorance regarding the real truth about either the German or the Russian people? Why have these two vital State Department documents had no attention in the way of acquainting the general public with them? Every daily newspaper should have featured on its front page the truths revealed therein. Propaganda in other matters has had much of their attention.

LIBERTY OF WORSHIP

Although liberty of worship was the first casualty of the Bolshevik regime, it is an essential element of individual liberty, recognized and protected in the U. S. Constitution. Without liberty of worship, individual liberty and human dignity would be empty indeed, and government would find it easy to flaunt the fundamental moral doctrine embodied in the natural law and in the Commandments of God. The fact that such fundamental moral doctrine is obligatory upon every civilized nation is strikingly emphasized by George Washington in his Farewell Address:

> "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. ..In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

The double guarantee in the U. S. Constitution of freedom of religious worship, and separation of Church and State, was most necessary. Our Founding Fathers wanted to protect against any so-called Theocracy, as in the British Empire, encroaching upon true and untrammeled liberty of worship, to the undermining of individual liberty in other respects as well. Government's status of servant of the people would be outrageously exceeded and flaunted were it to attempt to band together Church and State, or favor a particular mode of worship.

In either event, there would be a tendency to reduce both the State and the individual to a condition of vassalage under an ecclesiastical oligarchy. Confusion always results from either of such performances, and the individual, Church and State all three suffer. Assertions that Church and State will always respect the separate field of the other do not accord with experience.

The old fallacy of "Divine right of Kings" came into being under such abhorrent conditions, in order to curry favor with, and obtain further prerogatives from Kings, unscrupulous enough to make use of political advocacy in the name of religion to aid them in curtailing individual liberty.

No one who is not really a mental vacuum can defend the use of religion as a cloak for either politics or criminality. False pretense in the use of religion as a cloak for politics may be so diabolical that it ought really to be dealt with as criminality in some cases. Swindling human beings out of their priceless heritage of God-given individual liberty is far more serious than the stealing of a loaf of bread. The pretense in the early days of our Republic that criminal practices are immune if cloaked as religion was rejected by the Supreme Court, when polygamy was sought to be defended as religion, the Court saying:

> "To permit this would be to make the professed doctrine of religious belief superior to the law of the land, and in effect to permit every citizen to become a law unto himself." (98 U. S. 145).

Disguising politics as religion has more serious consequences even than

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cloaking criminality as religion, because when politics are disguised as religion there is a distinct tendency to destroy individual liberty by transforming a group of laity into a political herd of an ecclesiastical oligarchy. A similar condition might be multiplied almost indefinitely in many conceivable fields, if permitted at all. God-given individual liberty could not be said to be "inalienable" (as it is properly described in our Declaration of Independence), if a group of laity could be transformed into a political herd under schemes for domination or coercion.

POLITICAL PARTY MISCHIEFS

In recent times, evidence has been mounting that our so-called great political parties are far more interested in vote-getting policies than serving the people by upholding basic principles. Doubtless, most, if not all, of the ominous pitfalls lurking in the path of our Republic today would have been unable to grow to serious proportions but for such diversions from duty by political parties.

George Washington's Farewell Address was not written to gratify any personal ambition, but because of his deep solicitude for his countrymen, to whom he offered "these counsels of an old and affectionate friend."

In such Farewell Address, he gave special warning that the spirit of party, in popular governments, "is seen in its greatest rankness" and "is truly their worst enemy." He added that it "is a spirit not to be encouraged," and "opens the door to foreign influence and corruption." Washington was looking far into the distant future when he next asked:

> "Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalship, interest, humor, or caprice?"

He gave us a negative answer, saying:

> "We may safely trust to temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies."

We have recently witnessed, to the amazement of adherents to basic fundamentals, how the inordinate spirit of party has thrown open the "door to foreign influence and corruption." Both of our so-called great political parties actively and shamelessly participated in the unconstitutional involvement of our Republic in the monstrosity of a supra-government, with a hybrid assortment of nations of free men and empires of subjugated men. The people generally were thereby deceived into believing that nothing harmful or objectionable was being done.

It may be doubted that either of such political parties would have dared to join in such outrage without the participation of the other, so as to neatly cheat the American people out of an early remedy. It was evidently assumed that loyal Congressmen, with courage to refuse to be party serfs, will always be few and far between. Let us hope that a rude awakening is in store for those who have so assumed.

If members of the new Congress are acquainted with the growing resentment of the American people against political party mischiefs, they will, as a matter of public duty, and also in their own future interest, respect their oaths of office and refuse to be political party serfs.

A Sonnet

Dear Lord, with reverent hearts we pause today
To voice a prayer of gratitude to Thee
For mercies great, and for Thy largess free,
The beauty of Thy love from day to day.

In humble penitence before Thy feet we pray
Forgiveness for the sins that we have done;
Grant us Thy pardon, Lord, and make us one
With Him who leads and would not have us stray.

Help us to know that by Thy Spirit's power
True greatness comes to nation or to man —
That only in God's strength our people can
Find courage for the needs of this harsh hour.

Our fathers' God, in thankfulness we bow —
Forgive and bless and guard Thy people now!

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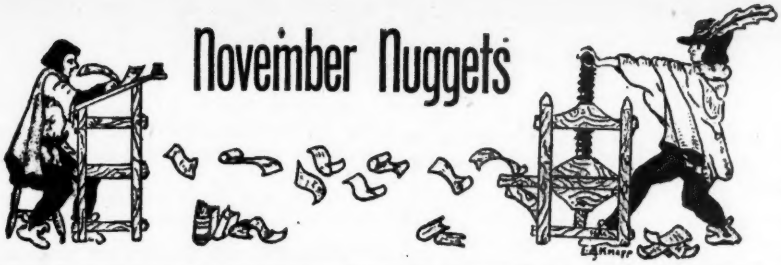

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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE unto the Lord, all ye lands . . . Enter into his gates with THANKSGIVING, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

—The One Hundredth Psalm.

In the beginning God.

— Genesis 1:1.

During the French Revolution a revolutionist said to a peasant, "I will have all your Church steeples pulled down that you may no longer have any ojbect to remind you of your old superstitions." The peasant replied, "But you cannot help leaving us the stars."

—The Fact of God.

Science leads us straight to a belief in God.

—Dr. Michael Pupin.

All earth is crammed with heaven and every bush aflame with God.

Without God I understand nothing; without Him all is darkness.

—Jean Henri Fabre.

Viewing the universe, we are face to face with the Divine Architect. When a Bedouin was asked how he knew there was a God, he replied, "How do I know whether a camel or a man passed my tent last night? By their footprints on the sand."

—Jacob J. Sessler.

Man is incurably religious.

—Sabatier.

The general scientific view of the universe tends to strengthen our belief that the soul goes on existing and developing after death.

—Dr. Michael Pupin.

Man is not an organism but an intelligence served by organs.

—Sir William Hamilton.

I should rather risk my soul on my inner faith in immortality than to have the kind of proof of survival that is available.

—Rufus M. Jones.

I am an I.

—Goethe.

I believe in immortality because I feel I cannot live out all that is in me in one lifetime.

—J. B. Pratt.

Give us more room. There isn't room here to grow. The soul needs more room. It must expand. It must mount up with wings like the eagles.

—Bishop Quayle.

When Andrew Jackson died, his old colored servant was asked, "Do you think your master went to heaven?" He replied, "I don't know, but I 'spec's he did if he wanted to."

For though from out our bourne
Of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot
Face to Face
When I have crossed the bar.

—Tennyson.

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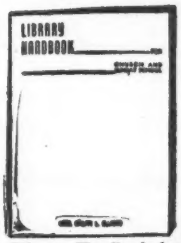

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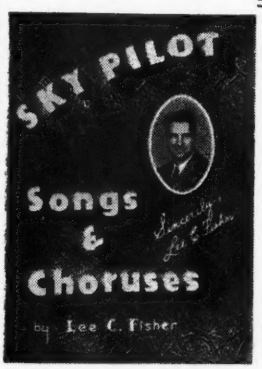

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Talking with people oft troubles increase . . . but talking with Jesus brings quiet and peace.

A Christian's heart will burn with the fire of God, or his conscience will burn with conviction.

Surround me Jesus with Thy Grace!
Fill my heart with love Divine.
Let me see Thy blessed face,
And to know that Thou art mine.

—*E. G. Winstedt.*

A contentious person thrives on contention.

When you see an argument approaching like a tornado, don't throw a dictionary full of words at it.

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I steered Joe Stilwell around China when he first went there a quarter of a century ago as a military attache to our legation. The pungent Chinese language just seemed to fit his tight lips and clipped manner of speech, and he became a master of it. He had one love great enough to surmount his cynicism about human beings — he loved his Country. He loved America the more because he spent most of his life in the world's more wretched regions.

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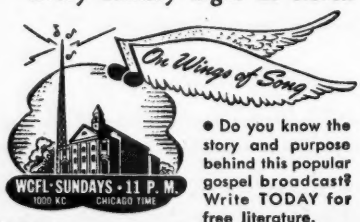

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as cattle were held back, because American owners will not submit to the Hitlerian system of being robbed and bankrupted by inches?

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HERE'S SOMETHING else our government did to create scarcity. It put a ceiling on corn. Then, for UNRRA, it went out and broke its own ceiling, paying thirty cents a bushel above ceiling to gather up corn to ship to Europe. You couldn't get a bushel of corn anywhere around the feed lots for less than two dollars. Nobody could feed cattle on two dollar corn and sell them for OPA meat prices. But Fiorella La Guardia and his administrators, who recently got mixed up on whether or not mules can reproduce themselves, discovered that the objects of our charity in Europe don't know how to cook corn, and won't eat it when you show them.

So, orders came to hold the corn in Nebraska and other mid-western elevators. Cattle feeders tried to buy the corn back, pointing out that wheat, which the Europeans wanted instead of corn, was already being harvested in Texas and could be taken out through Galveston to Europe, for the same money — on the same ship.

But the UNRRA official who was appealed to, said it would take three weeks of red tape to change the shipping orders from Nebraska corn to Texas wheat. Officials just didn't have the energy to try to make a shift. They were so sorry! So the corn which we need for meat went to Europe where it is probably awasting, while the wheat which Europeans wanted stayed in Texas.

As I stated many months ago: The Administration was wrong. The PAC was wrong. The Communist press and Communist clubs were wrong. Harry Truman was wrong. Meat control wouldn't work. It was rescinded.

The whole meat mess is a lesson in what happens when government interferes with the normal course of nature.

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THE WAY TO BRING order in Europe is not more American intervention, but what Churchill suggested in Brussels: a federation of western Europe, beginning with France and Germany.

Our internationalists repeatedly bring up the federation of the American colonies after they had gained their independence into the Republic of the United States of America as a parallel to the present effort to create a United Nations organization. That is not a true parallel. A much more true parallel would be a federation of Western European nations, which was suggested by M. Briand after the war of 1914 to 18, and is now suggested by Winston Churchill following the war of 1939 to 1945.

Since the world-wide empires such as Britain and aggressive, rising, expanding land empires such as Russia, have not yet played out their rivalry and it is evident to anybody who can read that they are not yet ready to sink all ambitions and federate as the American colonies federated, it is logical that internationalism should begin with those peoples of western Europe who have practically the same civilization, languages that are related and who, from the time of Caesar to Charlemagne the Great were considered to be the same people, such as the French and Germans.

The American colonies came together because of the mutual threat of reconquest by a European empire — what Benjamin Franklin implied when he said. "We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we will all hang separately."

What is more logical now than that the western European nations should federate to protect themselves against the threat from Communist Russia? — particularly the populations which still nominally adhere to the Christian religion. There is every reason to believe that Germany and France, Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian nations will federate to protect themselves against Russia, if Britain and we will get out of their business and stop misleading them into the idea that we are going to protect them severally and singly.

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The smear bundist now smears himself.

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ON THE NEWSSTANDS you will see heaps of a pocket reprint monthly called "Reader's Scope." It is the left-wing's most expensive effort to compete with the "Reader's Digest."

The October issue, under the title "England's Shame," accuses the British authorities in Palestine of torture to the point of crippling victims for life, of concentration camp attrocities, of sacrilegious actions and wholesale destruction of the reclamation work of Jewish pioneers in Palestine. It poses the accusation that the British act in no way differently from the Nazis in occupied territory.

These charges are extreme — founded on excitement and rumor. Other extreme talk is, on the contrary, cold and calculated. Here, from Dr. Louis G. Reynolds, columnist for the "California Jewish Voice," self-described as the leading Jewish paper in California — on Friday, March 22, Dr. Reynolds said: "I cannot conceive of any Jew in the role of an enemy of the Soviet Union. To me such a Jew is an unnatural monstrosity, a travesty on everything that is decent and right."

In the issue of July 5, 1946, this editorial said: "The word 'Americanism' is (one such) generalization. Have we succeeded in elaborating spiritual and intellectual characteristics which may be definitely identified as 'American,' or are we just talking through our hat? . . . The American way of life is not different from any other way of life. Every nation, in order to live and survive must have supreme control over its sources of food, clothing, shelter and medical care. Whether that nation calls itself American or by any other name is of no consequence."

There will be many Jews — American citizens, who will, I trust, rise up and tell this type of propagandist that he is the unnatural monstrosity, the travesty on everything decent and right!

An Attorney Writes His Editor

CLAUDE A. THOMPSON . . . noted attorney at the Nation's Capital — a native of Virginia, still has a homey interest in his boyhood community. Rabbit Hollow, Otter River, Motley, Altavista, Hell Bend and adjacent neighborhoods and villages will forever remain near and dear to his heart . . . He recently sent a letter to the Editor of the local paper back in Altavista and was kind enough to share it with THE DEFENDER Editorial Staff. Excerpts from the preachment appear below.

IT IS WITH DEEP CONCERN for the welfare of my many friends in Campbell County, particularly in and around Motley, Hurt, Lynch's Leesville, Otter River, Evington, Altavista, Hell Bend, and Rabbit Hollow, that I ask permission to say something anent all that I have read in your paper relative to the CIO-PAC crowd's attempt to organize my friends into a bargaining unit dominated by them; and of their opposition to the incumbent member of the Congress from the Sixth District, Mr. J. Lindsay Almond.

I was born to hard labor. I still like it. In fact I would prefer some of it now as I approach my three score years, rather than battle the legal problems confronting me as a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and Virginia. I have never been a stranger to the blacksmith and wheelwright shops, the making of coffins and the burying of many of my good friends in my old bailiwick, and the kind of work any farm or village boy engaged in to provide food and shelter for himself and those dear to him.

I joined a union, both railroad and commercial telegrapher's unions, went on strike and fought as hard as any one to win. We lost and I quit the field. I would have denied then, as I do today the denial of anyone's right to join a union. I believe in collective bargaining between labor and management of corporations. It is a fundamental right of every person to quit his job. But when he does, he should remember his own pride and uphold the law, rather than to assume an attitude of force or mob rule to force his demands.

I fear that the CIO, which is nothing more or less than a Communistic crowd, set on overthrowing our American form of Government, will endeavor through every means fair or foul to so work our people into a plastic state that they will be handled as putty in the hands of a glazer. The history and background of the Communist party, now dominating the CIO group, is proof sufficient to all the people if they will only take the time to study its history.

The Communist party, controlled from Russia, openly declares its policy to be THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT in conflict with the principles of the Soviet government. I recall only too well that back in 1940, the Communists were hiring pretty girls to go

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aboard our ships at San Diego, California and indoctrinate our boys into Communism. The situation got so bad on the West Coast (and the Movie industry was in it very deep), that the Congress passed an Act making it a crime for any two or more persons to conspire to undermine the morale of our armed forces.

At that time the Communists were picketing the White House against our entry into the war, and our lend-lease policy toward England. Russia was then at peace with Hitler. Stalin would abide his time until Hitler had weakened his country and then strike him. But when Hitler turned on the Russian Bear, there was a different story. The Communists became the loudest in their cry for us to declare war against Germany. The Administration being honeycombed with their ilk, it was not so very long before the same Act of Congress was used to indict some 32 men and women who opposed Communism, for conspiracy to undermine the morale of the sailors and soldiers in our Army and Navy.

There were a few crack-pots among a majority of fine citizens of this Country — one of them being the noble Christian gentleman and scholar, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod whom I consider one of the greatest preachers of any age, and who edits THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE at Wichita, Kansas — who were smeared with the indictment and given a Kangaroo Court trial, held here in Washington, in which I had a part in defense of two German boys who were thrown into the indictment to give it a sauerkraut flavor.

My appointment was by the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, to defend these men who could not employ their own lawyers. I spent nearly a whole year without a cent of compensation as a defense attorney.

FROM APRIL 15, 1944 TO DECEMBER 1, 1944, NOT ONE SCINTILLA OF EVIDENCE, DURING THE DAILY TRIAL, WAS INTRODUCED TO SHOW THAT ANY OF THOSE INDICTED HAD IN ANY WAY CONSPIRED TO DO THE THINGS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT.

The entire evidence dealt with the form of Government established by Hitler, what many of the indicted writers had said or written against the Communists, what they had said or written against Jews when they thought members of that race had overstepped their birthright as American citizens, or had forfeited all right to claim America as their home when we gave them their citizenship papers at the time of naturalization. Naturally, I fought hard for a fair trial.

As I said in Court time and again, that the trial would be an American trial whether the defendants were Japs, Germans or Hottentots. I realized then, as I do now, that no man's life is secure unless we preserve our judiciary. I have seen that judiciary slip.

Some years ago the Communists invaded the deep South (Atlanta), and there started a campaign to have the State ruled by the colored people if they predominated in numbers. That case went to the Supreme Court, and a gentleman of Communistic tendencies was convicted of violating a local law. So I say that the CIO, dominated by the Communistic Party has tried to create RACIAL DISCORD, put class against class, and organize the laboring man into a dominated CIO union to the end that when the day comes they can use him.

I have before me today a copy of the Communist paper, "Daily Worker," published in New York City, which carries a large headline reading: "Indianapolis CIO Backs Ballot for Communist Party." The item reads in part: "Any infringement on the electorial rights of the Communist Party is a threat to the electoral and constitutional rights of all Americans, the Indianapolis CIO council declared in a resolution to the Indiana and Marion County election commissioners."

I ask my friends does this alone not show that the CIO is part and parcel of the Communist Party?

It is further said in the item: "The resolution stated, 'a minor political Party, the Communist Party of Indiana has been denied its constitutional rights of having its candidates placed on the election ballot since the year 1940, and that the Marion County and State Election Commissioners handed down the ruling without any explanation to the voters and despite the public statement of the representatives of the Indiana Communist Party, that it had complied with all the requirements of the Indiana election law, as applied to minority parties . . ."

Naturally, if it be true that they decided the question without any explanation, they, and we, know that they so decided because it was openly avowed by the Communist Party that their mission is the violent overthrow of all governments not conforming to its doctrines.

Thomas Jefferson believed that if we are to have a strong National Government we must first have strong State Governments; that the Federal Government should be a Government of limited powers, for he once said, "Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap we should soon want bread." That time has come upon us through bureaucratic rule from Washington. The righteous judgment of an all powerful God who said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," cannot be set aside by powerful Communists union leadership.

Dante said: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

With best wishes, I am

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Lesson Number One

November 17, 1946

PAUL MINISTERS TO THESSALONIANS

Acts 17:1-7, I Thess. 1:2-8

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be not weary in well doing." II Thessalonians 3:13.

I. IDEALS FOR LOYAL PREACHERS. Having heard the Macedonian Call to "Come over and help us," Paul turned west with the Gospel . . . stopping first in towns near the coast, gradually moving deeper into the new territory. One of the early stops was at Thessalonica. A healthy congregation was established there.

He later wrote the Church a letter and looking back upon the early visit, engaged in reminisces which every Minister of the Gospel will do well to consider. His approach was both negative and positive.

On the negative side, he reminded the Thessalonians of things he did not do — things which Preachers today, SHOULD NOT DO.

On the positive side, he reminded them of things he did do — things which Preachers today, SHOULD DO.

He and his co-workers did not practice "deceit," "uncleanness" or "guile." They did not resort to "flattering words" or use slippery phrases as "a cloak for covetousness." They sought no personal "glory" and avoided being "burdensome."

But he and his co-workers had proved themselves "bold in God." They "were gentle, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." They were "affectionate."

II. PREACHING IN SYNAGOGUES. Paul preached three consecutive Sabbaths, in the synagogue of Thessalonica. At first, he was well received, but when Christ began to be exalted, the Jews turned savagely against him.

He developed a system, in his missionary travels . . . of entering a community, establishing himself at the tent-making trade, going to the local synagogue on the Sabbath, rising to speak, commanding attention because of his polished language, tracing the history of Jewry, expounding Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah, and climaxing with an exhortation to ACCEPT CHRIST.

Then he would pause, wait for passions of hate to ignite, be beaten or stoned, sometimes left for dead, rise, pull himself together, shake the dust off his feet, and go down the road to the next town.

III. ACCUSED OF "SEDITION." Our Lord was falsely charged with sedition. The same accusation was brought against Paul. The Jews of Thessalonica stirred "lewd fellows of the baser sort" to create a mob scene by shouting: "These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar."

Dr. Adam Clarke, in his Commentary, written a century ago, says these "lewd fellows," were probably "a low kind of lawyers, attorneys without principle, who gave advice for a trifle, and formented disputes and litigations among the people."

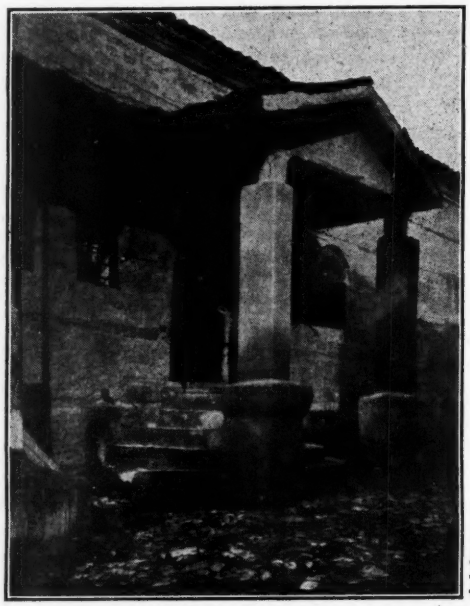
It is an old trick for men in positions of authority to bring the false charge of sedition against their opponents. Dr. Clarke continues his exposition:

"This is precisely the same way that persecution against the truth, and followers of Christ, is still carried on. . . . The Preacher is imprisoned, his hearers fined for listening to that Gospel which has not only made them wise unto salvation, but also peaceable and orderly citizens, and which would have had the same effect on the unprincipled magistrate and the mob, had they heard it with the same reverence and respect."

Although Dr. Clarke wrote these words a hundred years ago, describing what Preachers were enduring in his day, yet they sound like he might have been writing about the New Deal Sedition Case of 1944, when Dr. Winrod was arrested on the same false charge.

Dr. Clarke concludes: "Persecutors always strive to affect the lives of the objects of their hatred, by accusing them of sedition, or plots against the state." Lies, smears, and scandal are their stock in trade. Happily, for Paul and Silas, the officials did not press the matter and they escaped to Berea.

IV. THE MODEL CHURCH. The Church at Thessalonica was a joy and comfort to the heart of Paul. He wrote the congregation: "Ye became an ensample to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia." The word ensample



DR. WINROD took the accompanying picture of the synagogue at Berea on the occasion of his trip through ancient Macedonia in 1935. An investigation disclosed this to be the site upon which the original synagogue was erected. The building has been remodeled at different times during the passing of the centuries . . . but the reader may be assured that he is viewing the actual place, visited by Paul and Silas, when they fled from Thessalonica.

means a pattern or model. This Church became a model because:

(1) It was made up of people who willingly received the truth. The Gospel changed them in heart, thought, character and conduct. They "turned from idols to serve the living and true God."

(2) It endured persecution. We read: "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord." We are not to think this Church had no trials, for they "received the word in much affliction." After Paul and Silas left, it had to bear the brunt of Jewish malice. But no record appears of retraction, denial of their Lord, or a return to idols.

(3) It was a missionary Church: "For from you hath sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything."

(4) It was a liberal Church. Taking this congregation as an example, the Apostle later wrote to the Corinthians: "For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord."

Lesson Number Two

November 24, 1946

PAUL IN ATHENS AND CORINTH

Acts 17:22-28, 18:1-4, I Cor. 1:22-25

GOLDEN TEXT: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11.

I. FLEEING TO BEREA. While in Thessalonica, Paul could see the peaks of Mount Olympus, where ancient Greeks believed their gods resided. He was to later encounter the pagan mythologies, as Christianity made its march toward the western world.

Escaping a mob by night, Paul and Silas followed the narrow Roman highway until they reached Berea. At the local synagogue, they met Jews who were "more noble than those in Thessalonica."

Dr. Winrod says: "I visited this community a few years ago. The ghetto of Berea is there today, very much as in the days of Paul. I walked through its narrow, winding streets and imbibed its mysterious, clannish atmosphere. Our party asked to be directed to the synagogue.

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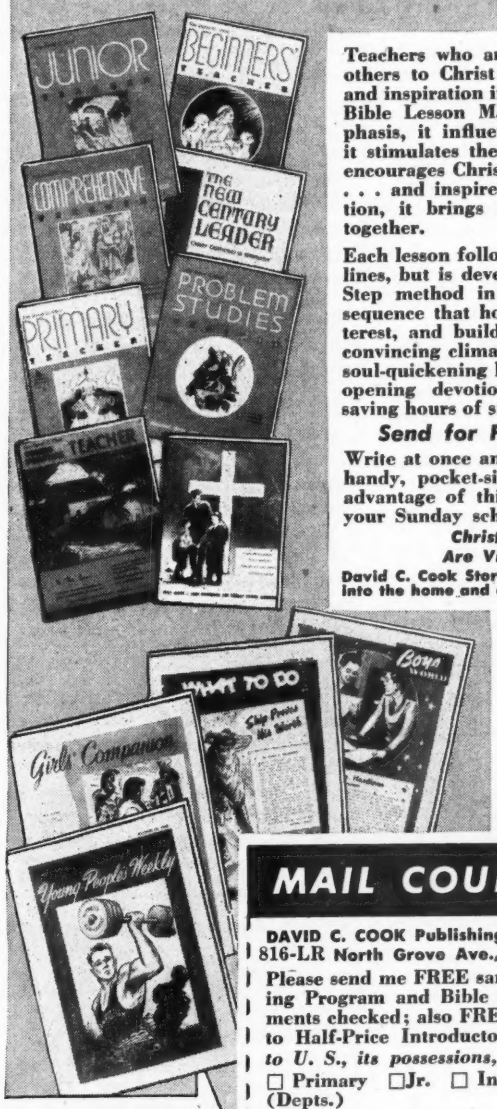

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II. ATHENS. It is not difficult to imagine Paul standing near the top of that barren piece of rock called Mars' Hill — a stone's throw from the elevation known as the Acropolis. The Parthenon, now in ruins, stood on the Acropolis, in majestic beauty, at the time of Paul's visit. Near its portico was a large statue of the goddess Athena made of gold and ivory.

The Apostle was defying the religious momentum of the centuries when he said, during the course of his famous sermon: "We ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

There he stands, arm raised, pointing across to the Acropolis, in the direction of the pagan statue. This act, on his part, required great courage. "I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious," said he. And after that, he declared the resurrection of Christ.

It is probable that Paul expected his hearers to mob him. But the Athenians reacted entirely different from the Jews. They merely laughed and looked upon him as another vain babbler. This attitude of indifference cut him more deeply than forty lashes across the back.

III. CORINTH. The cold disdain of the Athenians for the Gospel seemed to daze the Apostle. No Church was established in Athens. There is no indication that Paul's anxiety left him, until the Lord appeared in a vision, saying: "Be not afraid . . . for I am with thee . . . I have much people in this city (Corinth)."

Paul soon met Aquila and Priscilla, tentmakers, with whom he lived and worked. A warm friendship developed which lasted all through life.

Persecution put in its ugly appearance at Corinth, but the Jews received no sympathy from Gallio, head of the local government. He was a brother of Seneca, the famous Roman moralist, and noted for high integrity and justice. This is the only instance in Paul's experience, where his accusers were dealt with justly and summarily. Sosthenes, chief ruler of the synagogue, was beaten by Greeks before the judgment seat of Gallio, and "Gallio cared for none of these things." The Lord had "much people" in Corinth, and one of the greatest Churches in history was founded in that city.

IV. THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING. Years later, Paul wrote a letter from Ephesus, to the Church at Corinth, in which he said: "The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness."

History does not record a people more difficult to be persuaded of the truth, than the Jews.

The Greeks sought human wisdom but this did not lift them to levels where they could contact God. Not until men become spiritually-minded, can they appreciate the granduer of divine wisdom as revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Gospel was a stumbling block to Jews, because they wanted a Messiah who would give them worldly power. Christ came meek, lowly and poor, and they would not receive Him.

To the Greeks a crucified Saviour was foolishness, for their reasoning could not comprehend how a Man, crucified as a malefactor, could save the race from sin. But those who believe, receive spiritual sight regardless of nationality, and Jesus becomes the power and wisdom of God.

Lesson Number Three

December 1, 1946

TEACHING ON CHRISTIAN LIVING

Acts 19:23-30, Eph. 6:13-18

GOLDEN TEXT: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Ephesians 6:10.

I. "THIS PAUL." These two words were spoken in contempt, by Demetrius, an adversary of the Gospel of Christ. If ever a man had a right to feel flattered by the kind of enemies he made, it was Paul.

Demetrius was the head of an organization of silversmiths, who made silver models of the pagan goddess Diana. He deliberately started a riot because Paul's preaching interfered with their business.

Satan used this man, in an attempt to negate the great success Paul was enjoying, preaching the Gospel to the Ephesians.

II. TRUE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED. Priscilla and Aquila had been left at Ephesus to lay the groundwork for Paul's ministry there. They met a sincere man named Apollos, who having been a disciple of John the Baptist, had great respect for the name of Jesus. But because he lacked a knowledge of the doctrines, Priscilla and Aquila taught him "the way of God more perfectly."

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